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Bank-Plot Suspects Had Coffee At Cafe

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Men arrested Friday on charges of plotting to rob three Redmond banks after some diversionary dynamiting were seen drinking coffee together in a crowded bowling-alley restaurant.

Two of the seven men charged Friday were recognized from photographs yesterday by employees of Rainier Lanes, 2901 27th Ave. S., as having attended a meeting Thursday night of "six or seven" men in the restaurant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has said that Rainier Lanes was the setting for final planning of the robberies, which would have included blowing up the Redmond police station and dynamiting a power station at Redmond.

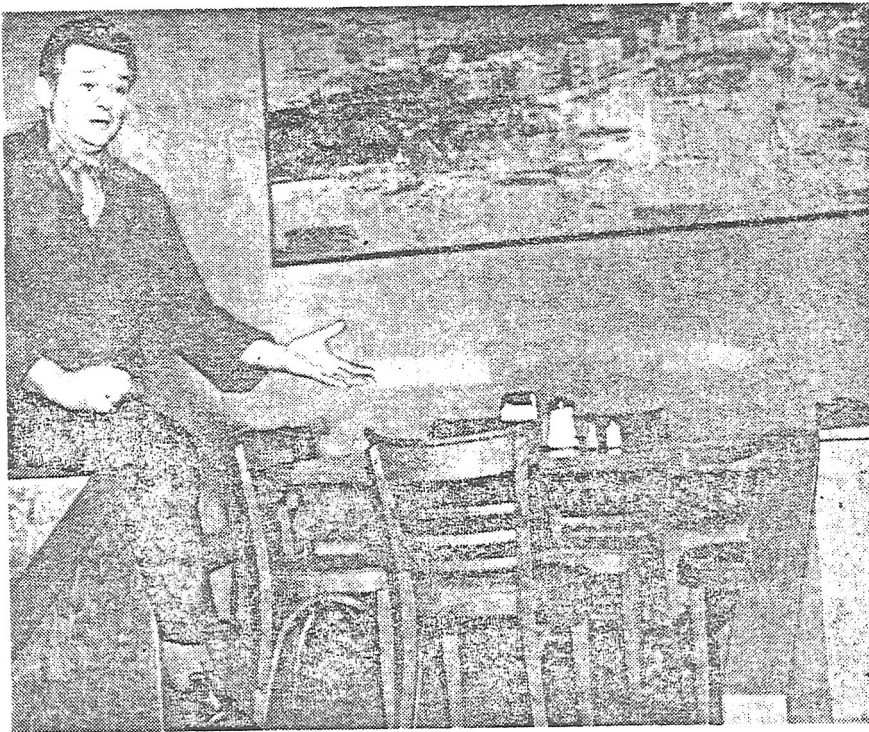
THE F. B. I. said the Friday arrests in Bellevue and Lake City were made just before the plan was to have been implemented. Explosives and weapons were found in two cars.

Arrested as the leader of the group was Duane Ivan Carlson, 35, of 2110 N. E. 83rd St., a former City Light employee, listed by the F. B. I. as a full-time employee of the right-wing Minutemen organization.

Others are Joesph David Hourie, 20, of 1133 S. W. 139th St., an unemployed grocery worker; Mervyn Edward Henderson, Sr., 57, Woodinville, a church sexton and part-time maintenance man.

Kelly E. DeLano, 24, of 2712 N. Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, a civilian driver at Fort Lewis; Ervin John White, 41, Edmonds, a self-employed draftsman;

Jerome Nicholas Diemert, 43, rural Arlington, recently employed as a ship's oiler, now unemployed, and Milton James Dix, 34, of 5403 28th Ave. S. W., a longshoreman.



Max Hillsbery, manager of the Rainier Lanes, pointed to the restaurant table occupied by "six or seven" men Thursday night.

ON THE AGENDA were the First National Bank of Redmond, the Redmond State Bank and the Redmond Branch of the Peoples National Bank, the F. B. I. has charged.

The floor plans for the Des Moines Branch of the Seattle Trust & Savings Bank also were confiscated, but authorities do not believe this facility was part of the Friday scheme.

The F. B. I. said that an informer attended the Thursday night meeting and, using a "an electronic device," got the timetable of the plot.

The men reportedly identified themselves by numbers from 001 to 007, copied from the late author Ian Fleming's fictional James Bond organization.

Creston Olinger, 3008 25th Ave. S., an employee at the bowling alley, said it was about 9 p. m. when a man requested space for "a short meeting" at the restaurant.

Mrs. Myrtle Fowler, a waitress, said she recognized Henderson and Hourie from photos as two of the men who were crowded around the table for about an hour.

THE F. B. I. continued efforts to link each of the men with the Minutemen organization. Carlson, the F. B. I. said, shared the speaker's stand at Seattle Center in September, 1966, with Robert B. DePugh, head of the Minutemen.

Both spoke at an organizational and fund raising meeting of the Patriotic Party.

However, Depugh, at Minutemen headquarters in Norborne, Mo., denied the men are members of the organization.

He said Carlson was a member about a year ago but was dropped for nonpayment of dues.

All but two of the men remained in jail late Saturday in lieu of posting bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$30,000. White and Dix were freed shortly after arraignment Friday after posting \$500 and \$5,000, respectively.